



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 667

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House Bill No. 5511

House of Representatives, April 17, 2008

The Committee on Appropriations reported through REP. MERRILL of the 54th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING CHARTER OAK STATE COLLEGE IN THE CONNECTICUT AID TO PUBLIC COLLEGE STUDENTS GRANT PROGRAM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 10a-164a of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2008*):

4 (c) The Board of Governors of Higher Education shall request an
5 appropriation to the Department of Higher Education for each year of
6 the biennium equal to the amount set aside by Charter Oak State
7 College for fee waivers in the [previous] fiscal year [for fee waivers]
8 two years prior to the fiscal year in which such appropriation will
9 apply. Such amount shall not exceed fifteen per cent of the tuition and
10 fees paid in the previous fiscal year. The Department of Higher
11 Education shall allocate any such appropriation to Charter Oak State
12 College to be used to provide grants for educational expenses to
13 residents of the state who demonstrate substantial financial need and

14 who are matriculated in a degree program at Charter Oak State
15 College. Individual awards shall not exceed a student's calculated
16 financial need as determined by a needs analysis system approved by
17 the United States Department of Education.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	10a-164a(c)
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HED *Joint Favorable C/R*

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The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill changes the formula of the Connecticut Aid to Public College Students Grant for Charter Oak State College, making it consistent with the formula for other constituent units of higher education. The bill requires the set aside amount for fee waivers to be based on two prior fiscal years, rather than one prior fiscal year. The bill is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 5511*****AN ACT CONCERNING CHARTER OAK STATE COLLEGE IN THE CONNECTICUT AID TO PUBLIC COLLEGE STUDENTS GRANT PROGRAM.*****SUMMARY:**

Under current law, the Board of Governors of Higher Education must base its annual appropriation request for the Connecticut Aid to Public College Students (CAPCS) grant program for Charter Oak State College on Charter Oak's fee waiver set-aside in the previous fiscal year. This bill requires the board to base the request on the fee waiver set-aside in the fiscal year two years prior to the fiscal year in which the appropriation applies. This conforms the law to the board's annual CAPCS appropriation request for the other higher education constituent units.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2008

COMMITTEE ACTION

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable Change of Reference

Yea 15 Nay 0 (03/04/2008)

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 51 Nay 0 (04/01/2008)